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Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues
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Agenda item 9
Adoption of the report of the Forum on its eighth session

Draft report

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Chapter I
Matters calling for action by the Economic and Social Council or brought to its attention

A. Draft decisions recommended by the Forum for adoption by the Council

1. The Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues recommends to the Economic and Social Council the adoption of the following draft decisions:

Draft decision I

The Economic and Social Council decides to authorize a three-day international expert group meeting on the theme "Indigenous peoples: development with culture and identity; articles 3 and 32 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples", and requests that the results of the meeting be reported to the Permanent Forum at its ninth session in 2010.

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Draft decision II
Venue and dates of the ninth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

The Economic and Social Council decides that the ninth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues shall be held from 19 to 30 April 2010.[1]

Draft decision III
Provisional agenda and documentation for the ninth session of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues

1. Election of officers.
2. Adoption of the agenda and organization of work.
3. Discussion on the special theme for the year "Indigenous peoples: development with culture and identity: articles 3 and 32 of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples".
4. Human rights:
   (a) Implementation of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples;
   (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people and other special rapporteurs.
5. Half-day discussion on North America.
6. Comprehensive dialogue with six United Nations agencies and funds.
7. Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues.
8. Draft agenda for the tenth session of the Permanent Forum.
9. Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its ninth session.

B. Matters brought to the attention of the Council

2. The Permanent Forum has identified the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action set out below and, through the Council, recommends that States, entities of the United Nations system, intergovernmental organizations, indigenous peoples, the private sector and non-governmental organizations assist in their realization.

3. It is the understanding of the Secretariat that the proposals, objectives, recommendations and areas of possible future action to be carried out by the United Nations, as set out below, will be implemented to the extent that resources from the regular budget and extrabudgetary resources are available.

[1] The attention of the Economic and Social Council is drawn to a recommendation on this matter under item 7.

Chapter II
Venue, dates and proceedings of the session

4. By its decision 2008/250, the Economic and Social Council decided that the eighth session of the Permanent Forum would be held at United Nations Headquarters from 18 to 29 May 2009.

5. At its 1st to 4th meetings, on 18 and 19 May 2009, the Permanent Forum considered agenda item 3, "Follow-up to the recommendations of the Permanent Forum: (a) Economic and social development; (b) Indigenous women; and (c) Second International Decade of the World's Indigenous People". At its 16th and 17th meetings, on 29 May 2009, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 3 (see chap. I, sect. B).

6. At its 5th and 6th meetings, held on 20 and 21 May, the Forum considered agenda item 4, "Human Rights: (a) Implementation of recommendations of the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples"; (b) Dialogue with the Special Rapporteur on the situation of human rights and fundamental freedoms of indigenous people and other special rapporteurs.

7. At its 7th meeting on 21 May, the Permanent Forum considered item 5, "Half-day discussion on the Arctic". At its 16th and 17th meetings, on 29 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 5 (see chap. I, sect. B).

8. At its 8th to 11th meetings, on 22 May and 26 May, the Forum considered agenda item 6, "Comprehensive dialogue with six United Nations agencies and funds: Office of the High Commissioner on Human Rights; Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations; International Fund for Development; United Nations Development Programme; United Nations Population Fund; Department of Economic and Social Affairs".

9. At its 12th and 13th meetings, held on 27 May, the Forum considered agenda item 7, "Future work of the Permanent Forum, including issues of the Economic and Social Council and emerging issues". At its 16th and 17th meetings, on 29 May, the Forum considered and adopted its recommendations submitted under agenda item 7 (see chap. I, sect. B).

10. At its 14th and 15th meetings, on 28 May, the Forum considered agenda item 8, "Draft agenda for the ninth session of the Permanent Forum". At its 17th meeting, on 29 May, the Forum considered and adopted its draft decision submitted under agenda item 8 (see chap. I, sect. A, draft decision III).

Chapter III
Adoption of the report of the Permanent Forum on its eighth session

11. At its 16th and 17th meetings, on 29 May, the Rapporteur introduced the draft decisions and recommendations, as well as the draft report of the Permanent Forum on Indigenous Issues on its eighth session.

12. At the 17th meeting, on 29 May, the Permanent Forum adopted the draft report, as orally amended.

Chapter IV
Organization of the session

A. Opening and duration of the session

13. The Permanent Forum held its eighth session at United Nations Headquarters from 18 to 29 May 2009. It held 17 formal meetings and 1 closed meeting to consider items on the agenda and 7 informal meetings for consultations among members of the Forum.

14. At its 1st meeting, on 18 May, the eighth session was opened by the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the Special Adviser of the Secretary-General on Gender Issues. At the opening ceremony, Tododaho Sid Hill, of the Onondaga Nation, delivered a welcoming address. A ceremonial recognition of the indigenous women was also held.

15. At the same meeting, the President of the General Assembly made a statement. Statements were made by the Deputy Secretary-General of the United Nations, the Assistant Secretary-General for Economic and Social Affairs and the great granddaughter of Chief Deskaheh (League of Nations, 1923) of the Haudenosaunee Nation, Kim Morf.

16. Also at the first meeting, a statement was made by Victoria Tauli-Corpuz, Chairperson of the eighth session of the Forum.

B. Attendance

17. Members of the Forum and representatives of Governments, United Nations entities, intergovernmental organizations and bodies and non-governmental and indigenous organizations attended the session. The list of participants is contained in document E/C.19/2009/INF.2.

C. Election of officers

18. At its 1st meeting, on 18 May, the Forum elected the following members of the Bureau by acclamation:

Chairperson:
Victoria **Tauli-Corpuz**

Vice-Chairpersons:
Tonya Gonella **Frichner**
Margaret **Lokawua**
Elisa Canqui **Mollo**
Pavel **Suliandziga**

Rapporteur:
Michael **Dodson**

D. Agenda

19. At its 1st meeting, on 18 May, the Forum orally revised the provisional agenda as contained in document E/C.19/2009/1.

E. Documentation

20. A list of the documents before the Forum at its eighth session is contained in document E/C.19/2009/INF/1.